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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIM 5: Line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 through 4" to --Claim 1--

Line 1, change "Claims 1 through 4" to --Claim 1--

Please add the following claims:

A recombinant DNA containing the DNA molecule of claim 2.

15. A recombinant DNA containing the DNA molecule of claim